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SUBJ: EXTRAJUDICIAL DETENTION, ABDUCTION AND RELEASE OF  
PATRICK O'HARA AKA WALLACE SCHEUERMAN

1. AMCITS TOM JONES, PATRICK O'HARA (AKA WALLACE SCHEUERMAN), AND DON RHODES, REPRESENTING GEMINI ENTERPRISES, INC., A DALLAS BASED PROMOTING ORGANIZATION, HAD BEEN ARRANGING WITH OFFICIALS OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SCHOOL OF THE AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF NUEVO LEON (UANL) FOR SERIES OF ROCK CONCERTS. GEMINI WAS UNDER CONTRACT TO UANL TO BRING TO MONTERREY THREE U.S. MUSICAL GROUPS--CHICAGO, KC AND THE SUNSHINE BAND, AND THE SIDE OF THE ROAD GANG.

2. UANL HAD SCHEDULED CONCERTS FOR APRIL 4, 5 AND 6 AND HAD BEGUN SELLING TICKETS. ON APRIL 1 JONES, O'HARA AND RHODES ARRIVED MONTERREY TO REPORT THAT REQUIRED MEXICAN VISAS AND PERMITS HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED EARLY ENOUGH PERMIT CHICAGO GROUP ARRIVE AND PERFORM ON SCHEDULE. THEY WANTED UANL POSTPONE CONCERTS. MEANTIME, UANL OFFICIALS HAD DECIDED THAT GEMINI REALLY DID NOT REPRESENT MUSICAL GROUPS AND WAS ATTEMPTING FRAUD.

3. UANL ARRANGED FOR MEXICAN IMMIGRATION DETAIN ALL THREE AMERICANS ON APRIL 1. THEY WERE DETAINED AND QUESTIONED ALL THAT NIGHT BY IMMIGRATION OFFICERS, MAGISTRATE AND UANL OFFICIALS. CONGEN WAS INFORMED OF DETENTION AND CONOFF VISITED THREE  
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AMERICANS NIGHT APRIL 1 AT OFFICE MEXICAN IMMIGRATION. AT THAT

POINT, THEY WERE UNDER INFORMAL DETENTION PENDING MAGISTRATE'S DETERMINATION IF FRAUD INVOLVED.

4. BY EARLY MORNING APRIL 2 THREE AMERICANS AND UANL OFFICIALS DECIDED CANCEL CONCERTS. IT WAS AGREED THAT GEMINI WOULD REIMBURSE UANL 40,000 DOLLARS FOR UANL ADVERTISING AND OTHER EXPENSES AND THAT JONES AND RHODES WOULD RETURN TO U.S. TO RAISE THIS SUM WHILE O'HARA REMAINED IN MONTERREY.

5. CONGEN THEN LEARNED THAT UANL STUDENTS HAD TAKEN O'HARA TO HOTEL, WHERE HE WAS TO REMAIN UNTIL REIMBURSEMENT WAS MADE. WHEN WE CONTACTED O'HARA HE SAID HE WAS UNABLE LEAVE ROOM, WHICH WAS GUARDED BY UANL STUDENTS. HE REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE. ONE CONOFF VISITED MAGISTRATE, WHO STATED THAT HE HAD FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF FRAUD AND THAT O'HARA WAS FREE TO LEAVE MEXICO. ANOTHER CONOFF WENT TO O'HARA'S HOTEL ROOM. WHEN O'HARA REPORTED THAT UANL OFFICIALS HAD TAKEN HIS TOURIST CARD, WHICH HE NEEDED DEPART COUNTRY, WE ARRANGED WITH MEXICAN IMMIGRATION TO ISSUE HIM DUPLICATE CARD.

6. AFTERNOON APRIL 2 CONOFF LEFT HOTEL WITH O'HARA AND WENT TO OFFICE MEXICAN IMMIGRATION TO OBTAIN EXIT PERMIT. THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL UANL STUDENTS. WHEN CONOFF AND O'HARA LEFT IMMIGRATION OFFICE, THEY WERE CONFRONTED BY ABOUT 10 STUDENTS. TWO HELD CONOFF WHILE OTHERS FORCED O'HARA INTO WAITING VEHICLE. STRUGGLE LAST ABOUT THREE MINUTES. WHEN STUDENTS LEFT SCENE, CONOFF TELEPHONED CONGEN WITH DETAILS ABDUCTION.

7. CONSUL GENERAL THEN CONTACTED CHIEF OF STATE JUDICIAL POLICE TO REPORT ABDUCTION AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE. WE LATER LEARNED THAT JUDICIAL POLICE HEARD O'HARA BEING HELD ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND, WITH CONSENT NUEVO LEON STATE GOVERNOR, WERE PREPARED MOVE TACTICAL UNIT ONTO CAMPUS. THIS COULD HAVE CAUSED STICKY SITUATION, BECAUSE UNIVERSITY'S AUTONOMOUS STATUS, WHICH PUTS CAMPUS OFF-LIMITS TO POLICE ENTITIES, IS PREROGATIVE JEALOUSLY GUARDED BY STUDENTS AND UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS.

8. SOON THEREAFTER CONSUL GENERAL RECEIVED CALL FROM RECTOR TODD OF UANL. TODD, ALREADY AWARE OF ABDUCTION, STATED IT WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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RASH ACT BY FEW HEADSTRONG STUDENTS AND THAT HE HAD ORDERED STUDENTS FREE O'HARA. CONSUL GENERAL REQUESTED THAT O'HARA BE BROUGHT IMMEDIATELY TO CONGEN. APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES LATER O'HARA ARRIVED AT CONGEN ALONG WITH THREE CARLOADS STUDENTS. WHEN CONOFF ATTEMPTED LEAD O'HARA INTO BUILDING, UANL ATTORNEY INSISTED CONOFF SIGN PAPER BEFORE A NOTARY, WHOM THEY HAD BROUGHT ALONG, STATING THAT O'HARA HAD BEEN DELIVERED WITHOUT ANY PHYSICAL COMPLAINT. O'HARA WAS IN STATE PANIC AND UNDER IMPRESSION HE WOULD BE KILLED.

CONOFFS WOULD NOT AGREE TO SIGN NOTARY' S PAPER, PARTICULARLY SINCE O'HARA NOT IN CONDITION TALK RATIONALLY, AND WITH ASSISTANCE CONGEN'S POLICE GUARDS WERE ABLE PULL O'HARA PAST STUDENT CORDON INTO CONGEN BUILDING.

9. CONSUL GENERAL THEN ALLOWED UANL ATTORNEY AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ENTER BUILDING DISCUSS MATTER. THEY WERE TOLD THAT CONGEN WOULD NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN DISPUTE BETWEEN UANL AND GEMINI, WHICH WAS FOR COURT TO RESOLVE IF NECESSARY. HE EXPLAINED THAT OUR INTEREST IN CASE WAS TO PROTECT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN; WE WERE ASSISTING O'HARA AT HIS REQUEST TO LEAVE COUNTRY AS THERE WERE NO CHARGES AGAINST HIM. UANL ATTORNEY AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD AND LEFT BUILDING.

10. WITH ESCORT FOUR CONOFFS AND TWO STATE JUDICIAL POLICEMEN, O'HARA WAS TAKEN TO AIRPORT AND PUT ON AEROMEXICO FLIGHT 222 WHICH DEPARTED MONTERREY 19:10 HOURS APRIL 2 FOR HOUSTON. O'HARA WAS COMPLAINING OF PAINS IN RIGHT SIDE, BUT CHOSE TO LEAVE COUNTRY IMMEDIATELY RATHER THAN REMAIN THAT NIGHT TO CONSULT WITH DOCTOR. OPERATIONS CENTER WAS INFORMED OF ENTIRE INCIDENT BY TELEPHONE EVENING APRIL 2.

11. DUTY OFFICER RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM RHODES AFTERNOON APRIL 3, INFORMING US THAT O'HARA HAD ARRIVED IN HOUSTON, BUT HAD SIX CRACKED RIBS SUFFERED WHEN HE RESISTED BEING ABDUCTED BY UANL STUDENTS. RHODES REPORTED THAT O'HARA PLANS SUE ADMINISTRATOR OF UANL SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE FOR DAMAGES.

12. BOTH CAPTAIN SOLANA OF THE STATE JUDICIAL POLICE AND UANL RECTOR TODD VIEWED O'HARA'S ABDUCTION BY THE ARCHITECTURAL UNCLASSIFIED

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STUDENTS AS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER AND COOPERATED FULLY WITH CONGEN IN EFFECTING HIS RELEASE.  
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